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Social Studies Study Guide- Chapter 1

1. What do you call an area that has many similar features? _____

2. What are the three largest countries in North America?

3. Know how to read latitude and longitude on a map.

4. Know how to read a time line.

5. How would you describe the Coastal Plain?

6. What has worn down the peaks of the Appalachian Mountains?

7. Which state includes a large part of the Great Basin? _____

8. How is the climate of the Northeast different than the climate of the Southwest?

9. What does the word modify mean? _____

10. People build dams across these to form reservoirs.

11. Know the definitions of the following words.
tributary, irrigation, natural resources, environment, drainage basin

Essay Questions- These questions must be answered in complete sentences.

12. How do you think the climate of the Northeast would most likely affect life there?

13. How do you think the climate of the Southwest would most likely affect life there?

14. How would you describe the geography and climate of the United States overall?

15. Why does the distance from the equator usually affect the climate of a place?

16. What relationship between the Earth and the sun causes the seasons to occur?



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DIRECTIONS Fill in the missing information in these paragraphs about the geography of the United States. Use the terms listed below to help you complete the paragraphs.

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
contiguous	Sierra Nevada	Great Lakes	orbit	mining
location	Appalachian	inlets	equator	farming
Canada	Coastal Plain	Great Salt Lake	vegetation	efficiency
regions	Rocky	tributaries	elevation	physical

Lesson 1 The United States is a nation made of up 50 states. Forty-eight of them are _____, or next to each other. Hawaii and Alaska are separated from the other states. The 50 states are grouped into five large _____. These are the West, the Southwest, the Midwest, the Southeast, and the Northeast. Each region is based on its relative _____ in the United States. To the north of the United States is _____. The United States' southern neighbor is Mexico.

Lesson 2 The United States is a land of many different kinds of places. The _____ stretches along the Atlantic Ocean from Massachusetts to Florida. It extends west into Texas and Mexico. The tree-covered _____ Mountains are the oldest mountains in the United States. Farther west is the nation's largest and longest mountain range, the _____ Mountains. The _____ lies just inside California.

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Lesson 3 The shape of the United States is in part defined by the _____ along the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts.

These areas of water extend into the land from larger bodies of water. The largest lakes in North America are the _____.

Another large lake is the _____, which is as salty as any ocean. Rivers and their _____ make up river systems.

Lesson 4 The climate of a place depends partly on its distance from the _____. Places close to it tend to be warmer than places that are farther away. _____

and water also affect climate. Changes in seasons are caused by Earth's _____.

The _____. The _____ in the United States varies according to temperature and precipitation.

Lesson 5 Today, almost 300 million people live in the United States.

_____ features, such as climate, water, and landforms, can affect where people settle. About half of the land in the United States is used for _____.

_____ takes place in mountain regions.

Americans use tools to modify the land to gather and use natural resources. Still, people today understand that they need to use

_____ when using them so that they do not run out.